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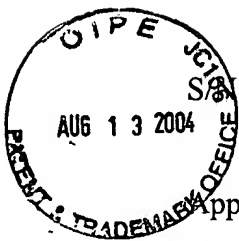
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the references listed were cited in a European Search Report dated 9 July 2004. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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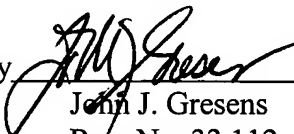
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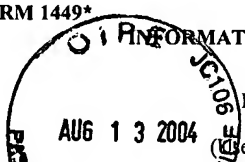
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	5 479 528	26 Dec. 1995	SPEETER			
	5 375 397	27 Dec. 1994	FERRAND et al.			
	4 857 916	15 Aug. 1989	BELLIN			

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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	DE 31 49 958	14 July 1983	Germany			abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Patent Abstracts of Japan. JP 1 178836, 17 July 1989.

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